Mill and Elevator Association House Bill No. 1015

2003-05 executive budget (bills as introduced)	FTE Positions 125.00	General Fund \$0	Other Funds \$30,018,282	Total \$30,018,282
2003-05 legislative appropriations	125.00		29,982,152	29,982,152
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$0	(\$36,130)	(\$36,130)
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriations	4.00	\$0	\$8,240,858	\$8,240,858

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Mill and Elevator Association is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2423, which allows agencies to provide salary increases of up to 1 percent on January 1, 2004, and up to 2 percent on January 1, 2005, to be funded in part from pooled savings accumulated from agency FTE position reductions.

Major Items							
The legislative action:	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total			
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 to \$488.70 per month per policy			(\$12,900)	(\$12,900)			
Reduced funding for information technology. The amount reduced represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 5 percent. (See Related Legislation section below)			(23,230)	(23,230)			
Total	0.00	\$0	(\$36,130)	(\$36,130)			

FTE Changes

The 2003-05 biennium appropriation includes funding for 125 FTE positions, an increase of 4 FTE positions from the 2001-03 biennium authorized level of 121 FTE positions. The legislative action did not change the executive recommendation to add 4 FTE undesignated positions requested by the agency.

Transfers to the General Fund

Section 9 of House Bill No. 1015 provides for a \$5 million transfer from the Mill and Elevator Association to the general fund during the 2003-05 biennium. The \$5 million represents the amount included in the executive recommendation and is a decrease of \$1 million from the 2001-03 biennium transfer from the Mill and Elevator Association to the general fund of \$6 million. Section 9 also provides that the cumulative transfers during the 2003-05 biennium may not exceed the Mill and Elevator Association's estimated net income for the 2003-05 biennium as projected by the Industrial Commission, and that the Industrial Commission shall report to the 2005 Legislative Assembly regarding the mill's net income to date and estimated net income for the remainder of the 2003-05 biennium

Related Legislation

Special funds transfer - Section 2 of House Bill No. 1505 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer \$23,230 of special funds reduced from the Mill and Elevator Association's information technology budget to the Information Technology Department for funding a portion of the Information Technology Department's operating budget.